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(a) Find  $h'(2)$ .

We do not have a function for  $h(x)$ . But, a tangent line to a point on a curve has the same slope as that point on the curve. Let's rewrite the given tangent line equation in point-slope form.

$$y = 4 + \frac{2}{3}(x - 2)$$

$$y - 4 = \frac{2}{3}(x - 2)$$

Point:  $(2, 4)$

Slope:  $\frac{2}{3}$

$$h'(2) = \frac{2}{3}$$

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(b) Let  $a$  be the function given by  $a(x) = 3x^3h(x)$ . Write an expression for  $a'(x)$ . Find  $a'(2)$ .

To take the derivative of  $a(x)$ , we need need to use Product Rule and Power Rule.

$$a'(x) = 3x^3 \cdot h'(x) + h(x) \cdot 9x^2$$

$$a'(2) = 3(2)^3 \cdot h'(2) + h(2) \cdot 9(2)^2$$

$$a'(2) = 3(8) \cdot \frac{2}{3} + 4 \cdot 9(4) \leftarrow$$

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$$a'(2) = \overset{8}{\cancel{24}} \cdot \frac{2}{\cancel{3}} + 4 \cdot 36$$

$$a'(2) = 16 + 144$$

$$a'(2) = 160$$

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- (c) The function  $h$  satisfies  $h(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - (f(x))^3}$  for  $x \neq 2$ . It is known that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x)$  can be evaluated using

L'Hospital's Rule. Use  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x)$  to find  $f(2)$  and  $f'(2)$ . Show the work that leads to your answers.

This problem takes some thinking.

Firstly, because  $h(2) = 4$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x) = 4$ .

Secondly, because L'Hospital's Rule can be used to evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x)$  then both the

numerator and denominator for  $h(x)$  must equal 0.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - (f(x))^3} \Rightarrow \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 - 4}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 1 - (f(x))^3} \Rightarrow \frac{0}{0}$$

Now, we only are concerned with  $f(x)$  which is in the denominator.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 1 - (f(x))^3 = 0$$

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$$1 = (f(x))^3$$

$$1 = f(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 1$$

Since  $f(x)$  is differentiable, and thus continuous, the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  must

equal to the value of  $f(2)$ .  $\therefore \boxed{f(2) = 1}$

Now, to find  $f'(2)$  we must apply L'Hospital's Rule to the limit of  $h(x)$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - (f(x))^3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x}{-3(f(x))^2 \cdot f'(x)}$$

Use Chain Rule to take the derivative of the denominator.

Again, this limit must be equal to 4 since  $h(2) = 4$ .

$$\frac{2(z)}{-3(f(z))^2 \cdot f'(z)} = 4$$

$$f(z) = 1$$

$$\frac{4}{-3(1)^2 \cdot f'(z)} = 4$$

$$\frac{4}{-3 \cdot f'(z)} = 4$$

$$\frac{4}{4} = -3 \cdot f'(z)$$

$$1 = -3 \cdot f'(z)$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{3} = f'(z)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow z} f'(x) = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Again, since  $f$  is twice-differentiable

$f'(x)$  is also continuous.

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- (d) It is known that  $g(x) \leq h(x)$  for  $1 < x < 3$ . Let  $k$  be a function satisfying  $g(x) \leq k(x) \leq h(x)$  for  $1 < x < 3$ . Is  $k$  continuous at  $x = 2$ ? Justify your answer.

This is one of those common thought or theorem problems.

Because both  $g$  and  $h$  are differentiable and thus continuous, and  $g(2) = h(2)$ ; by Squeeze Theorem,  $g(2) = k(2) = h(2)$  and  $k(2)$  is thus continuous.